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Mr. Steve Alder, Assistant Attorney General 1594 West North Temple St. #300 Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Dear Mr. Alder:

Thank you for providing feedback to us during our recent outreach efforts. The input we received from you and others will help us improve our program and be more responsive to the needs of the citizens of Utah. This letter is intended as a response to let you know that the Division and OSM considered your comments while we developed our action plans for the upcoming evaluation year.

You point out the involvement your office has had with the oversight process during the past year. You specifically mention how OSM has provided technical assistance to the Division and clear communication throughout two significant oversight matters. Good communication is crucial for working together and resolving issues that may come up between our agencies. We expect to continue our great working relationship and thank you for your counsel in working toward resolution of these significant issues.

We hope this information is helpful to you. We appreciate your willingness to provide input to our Evaluation Process.

Sincerely,

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